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PCT/EP99/07598
- filed 11 October 1999

Re: Application of Hubert HALLER
"CASE-SAFE SYSTEM"
Our Ref.: 2368.119

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ this express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
- ☐ an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ a German Language International Application with European Search Report
- ☒ an English (translation of the) International Application.
- ☐ an English (translation of) Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER) and German language IPER.
- ☒ Four (4) Sheets of Formal Drawings
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment.

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It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.

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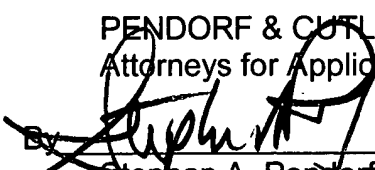
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Priority is claimed from October 28, 1998, based on German Application No. 198 49 704.0.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re application of

Hubert HALLER

Appln. No.:

Filed: April 30, 2001

For: CASE-SAFE SYSTEM

Attorney Docket No.: 2368.119

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I, Stephan A. Pendorf, declare and state the following:

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I have lived in Germany for 14 years and am familiar with both the German and English languages and have experience as a technical translator;

The attached English-language document is a full, true and faithful translation made by me of the text of the attached PCT Application No.: PCT/EP00/07598.

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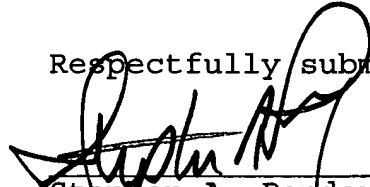
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Entry and favorable consideration prior to consideration are respectfully requested.

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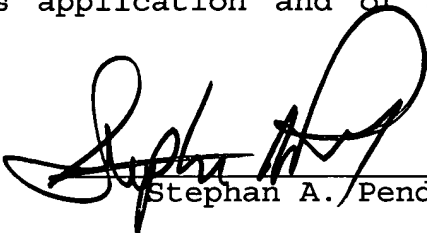
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